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Review of Project AEBATH SR/Munich Area

Germany (It is planned to transfer the area of operation to France within the coming year)

Period August 1954 - August 1955

1. Production

The objectives of AEBATH are the collection of CI/CE information and any positive information produced is, therefore, incidental to these primary objectives. During the period under review one positive report was produced.

2. Evaluation of Product

The one positive information report produced by AEBATH was evaluated by STATE and by OCI. Both rated the information of value and commented that there had been other reports concerning the alleged Soviet campaign to ask emigres to repatriate. OCI commented further that it is possible that all the rumors originated with a single source, nothing concrete having so far materialized from these rumors, and that conceivably the emigres themselves may have given the rumors currency as a means of ensuring continued Western support.

3. Requirements

As neither the known capabilities of the individual or the location of his activity can be associated with positive intelligence interests, no positive intelligence requirements are submitted.

4. Recommendations and Comments

Because the primary function of this project is to produce CI/CE information and since little is known of the positive intelligence capability, no recommendation relative to renewal can be made. However, there seems no real reason why the project could not produce positive intelligence and it is hoped that this segment of activity can be increased in the future.

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